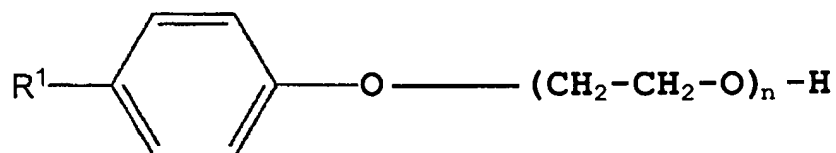


What is claimed is:

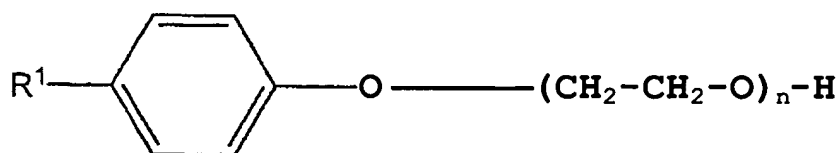
1. (Original) The use of a solution composed of at least one solvent and at least one nonionic surfactant as a carrier system for at least one active substance.
2. (Original) The use as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the nonionic surfactant is an alkylphenoxy-polyethoxyethanol of the general formula



in which R^1 is a straight-chain or branched alkyl group, preferably an isooctyl group, and n is preferably 9 or 10.

3. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in claim ~~1 or 2~~, characterized in that the nonionic surfactant is present in the solution in a fraction of up to 99.99% by volume, preferably between 0.1% by volume and 75% by volume, in particular between 0.5% by volume and 20% by volume.
4. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ 3, characterized in that the solution is buffered and the pH of the solution is set between 7 and 10, in particular between 7 and 8.
5. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ 4, characterized in that the solvent is a polar solvent, in particular water.
6. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ 5, characterized in that the active substance is a washing-active substance, in particular an ionic or a nonionic surfactant.
7. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in ~~one of the~~

- ~~preceding~~ claims 6, characterized in that the active substance is a washing composition additive which is preferably selected from the group comprising softeners, bleaches, optical brighteners, complexing agents, enzymes, fragrances, textile softeners and discoloration inhibitors.
8. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in one of claims ~~1 to~~ 5, characterized in that the active substance is a cosmetic active ingredient which is selected from the group comprising vitamins, fruit acids, plant extracts, vegetable fats, vegetable oils, liposomes, ceramides, antimicrobial agents, glycerol and inflammation inhibitors.
9. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in one of claims ~~1 to~~ 5, characterized in that the active substance is a pharmaceutical active ingredient, in particular selected from the group comprising analgesics, antiallergics and inflammation inhibitors.
10. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in one of claims ~~1 to~~ 5, characterized in that the active substance is a disinfectant.
11. (Original) A composition comprising:
- a carrier system, preferably in the form of a solution composed of at least one nonionic surfactant in a fraction of up to 99.99% by volume, in particular between 0.1% by volume and 75% by volume, and at least one polar solvent, in particular water,
 - at least one active substance.
12. (Original) The composition as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the nonionic surfactant in the carrier system is an alkylphenoxypolyethoxyethanol of the general formula

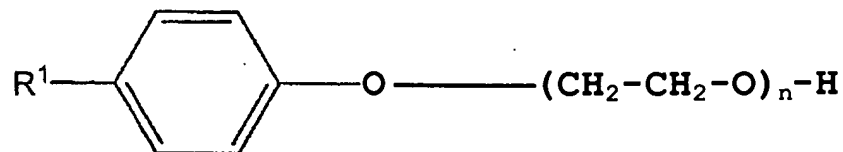


in which R¹ is a straight-chain or branched alkyl group, preferably an isooctyl group, and n is preferably 9 or 10.

13. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 11 ~~or 12~~, characterized in that the carrier system is buffered and the pH of the carrier system is set between 7 and 10, in particular between 7 and 8.
14. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~one of~~ claims 11 ~~to 13~~, characterized in that the active substance is a washing-active substance, in particular an ionic or a nonionic surfactant.
15. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~one of~~ claims 11 ~~to 14~~, characterized in that the active substance present is a washing composition additive which is preferably selected from the group comprising softeners, bleaches, optical brighteners, complexing agents, enzymes, fragrances, textile softeners, and discoloration inhibitors.
16. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~one of~~ claims 11 ~~to 13~~, characterized in that active substance present is a cosmetic active ingredient selected from the group comprising vitamins, fruit acids, plant extracts, vegetable fats, vegetable oils, liposomes, ceramides, antimicrobial agents, glycerol and inflammation inhibitors.
17. (Original) The composition as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that the cosmetic active ingredient is present in a concentration of up to 30% by weight, preferably of up to 10% by weight.
18. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~one of~~ claims 11 ~~to 13~~, characterized in that the active substance present is a pharmaceutical active ingredient, in particular selected from the group comprising analgesics, antiallergics, and inflammation inhibitors.

19. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~one of claims 11 to 13~~, characterized in that the active substance present is a disinfectant.
20. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 18 ~~or 19~~, characterized in that the active substance is present in the composition in a concentration of up to 30% by weight, preferably up to 10% by weight.
21. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~one of claims 11 to 15~~, comprising:
- 0.1 - 25% by weight of an alkylphenoxypolyethoxyethanol of the formula I,
 - 0.1 - 50% by weight of at least one surfactant,
 - 1 - 70% by weight of at least one discoloration inhibitor,
 - optionally washing composition additives such as softeners, bleaches, optical brighteners, complexing agents, enzymes, fragrances and/or textile softeners and
 - optionally, as the remainder, at least one polar solvent, in particular water.
22. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~one of claims 11 to 15 or as claimed in claim 21~~, consisting of:
- from 40% by volume to 60% by volume, preferably 50% by volume of a carrier system consisting of 2.5% by volume of isooctylphenoxypolyethoxyethanol and 97.5% by volume of a solution composed of 0.2% by weight of 37% hydrochloric acid, 0.5% by weight borax and water,
 - from 10% by volume to 20% by volume, preferably 15% by volume of Sokalan* HP 56 from BASF AG (aqueous, 30% solution of a copolymer of 1-vinylimidazole and 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone in water),
 - from 30% by volume to 40% by volume, preferably 35% by volume of Rimapur CX from Henrich Rimml in Zurich (aqueous solution of a nitrogen-containing polymer).

23. (Original) The use of a solution composed of at least one solvent and at least one alkylphenoxypolyethoxyethanol of the general formula



In which R^1 is a straight-chain or branched alkyl group, preferably an isooctyl group, and n is preferably 9 or 10,

24. (Original) The use as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that the alkylphenoxypolyethoxyethanol is present in the solution in a fraction of up to 99.99% by volume, preferably between 0.1% by volume and 75% by volume, in particular between 0.5% by volume and 20% by volume.
25. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in claim 23 ~~or 24~~, characterized in that the solution is buffered and the pH of the solution is set between 7 and 10, in particular between 7 and 8.
26. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in ~~one of claims 23 to 25~~, characterized in that the solvent is a polar solvent, in particular water.